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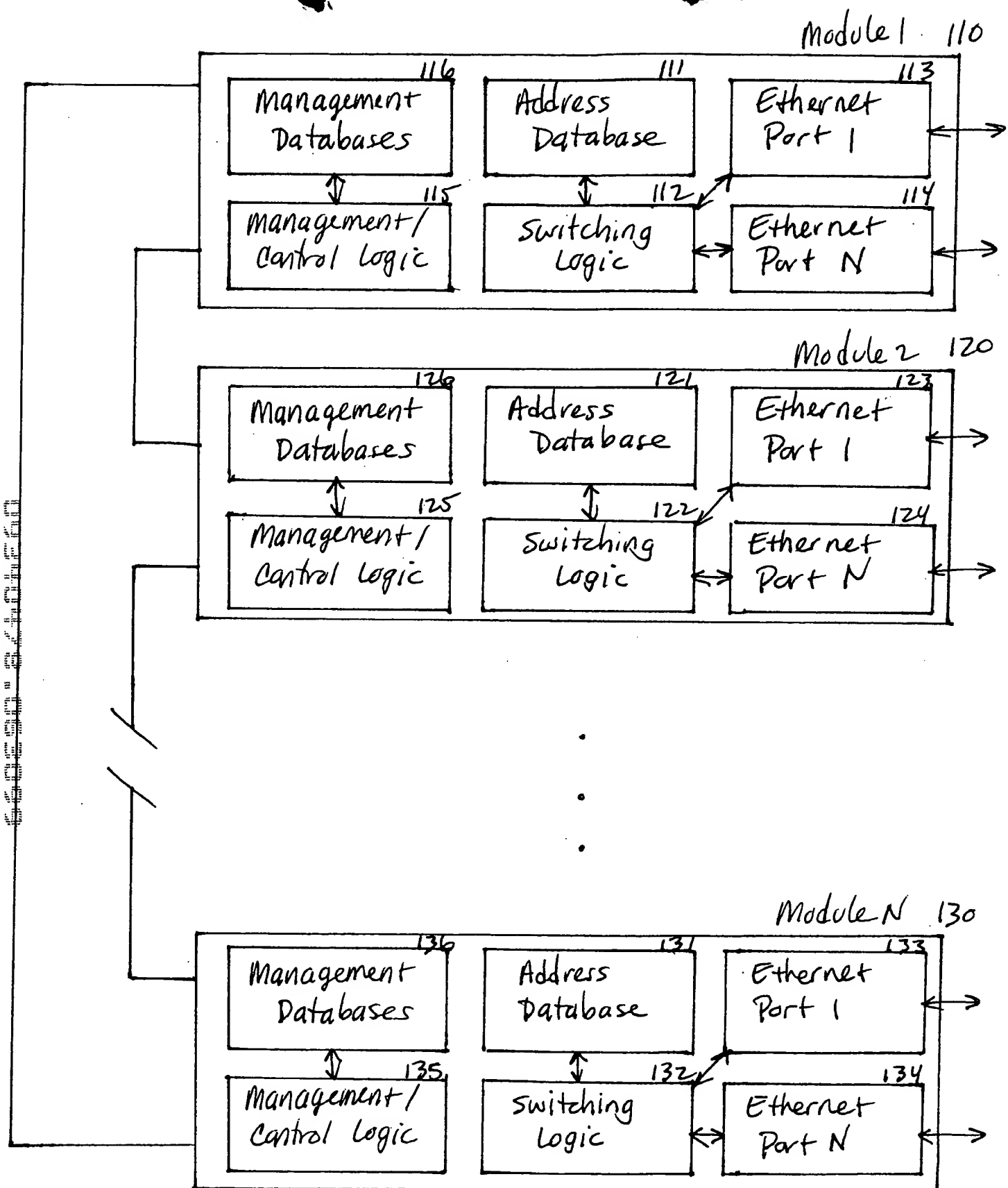


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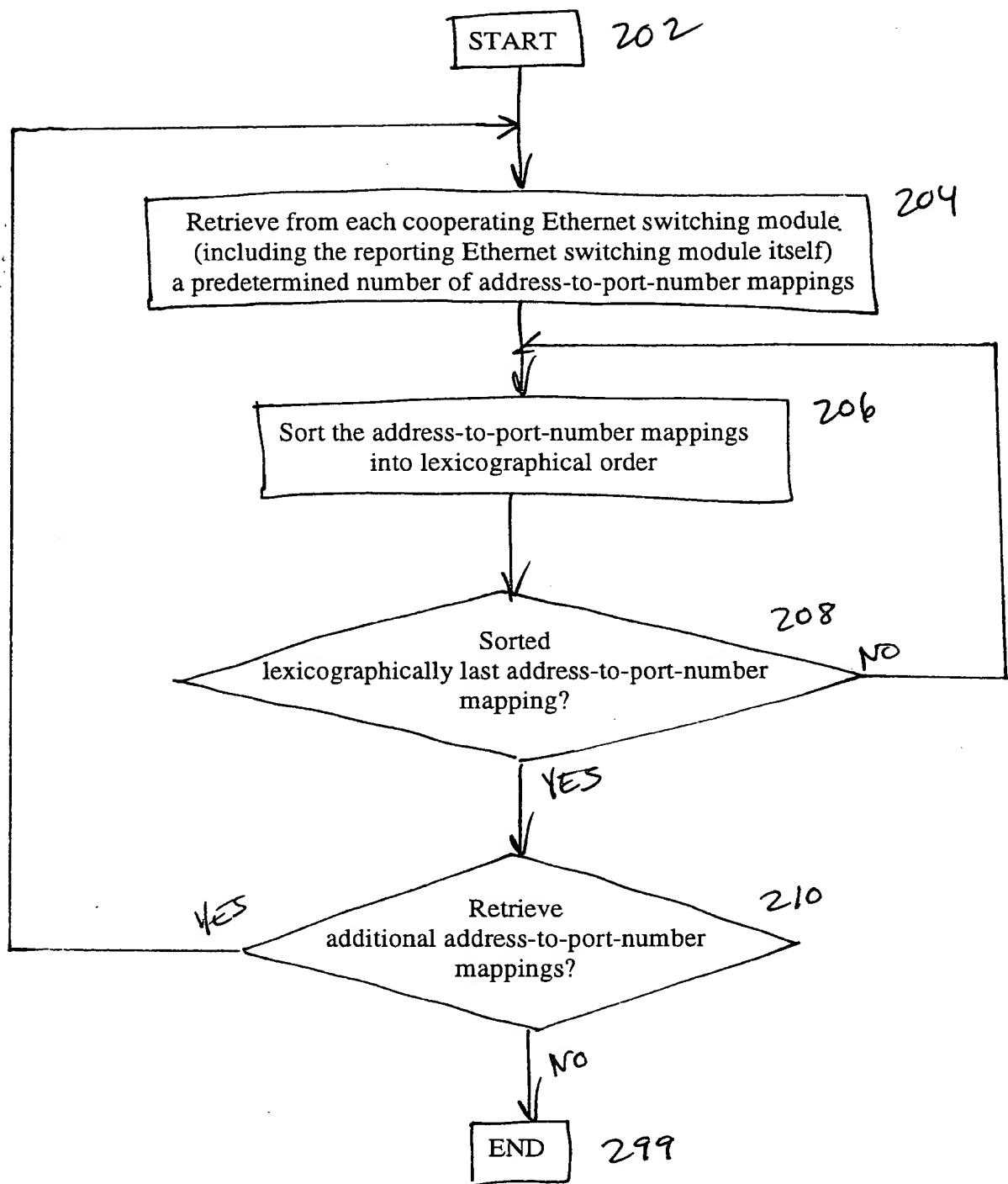


FIG. 2

START 302

Determine a starting address for the iteration equal to zero (0), for a first iteration, or equal to the lexicographically last address from the previous iteration, for a subsequent iteration 304

Retrieve from the reporting Ethernet switching module a predetermined number of address-to-port-number mappings for locally owned addresses that are lexicographically greater than the starting address 306

Retrieve from each of the other cooperating Ethernet switching modules a predetermined number of address-to-port-number mappings for remotely owned addresses that are lexicographically greater than the starting address 308

END 399

FIG. 3

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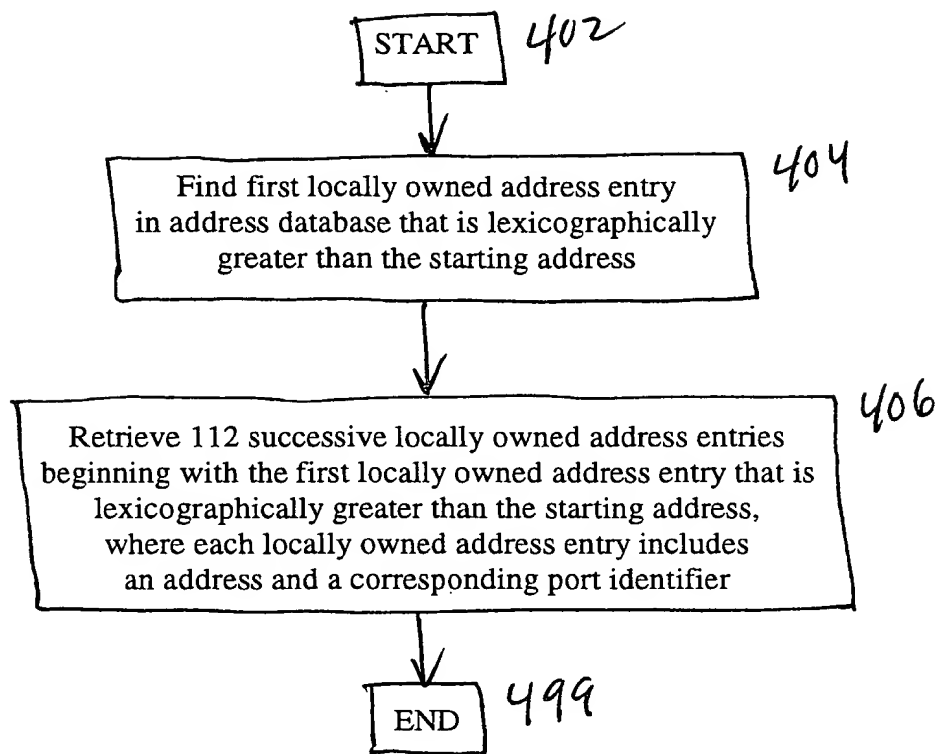


FIG. 4

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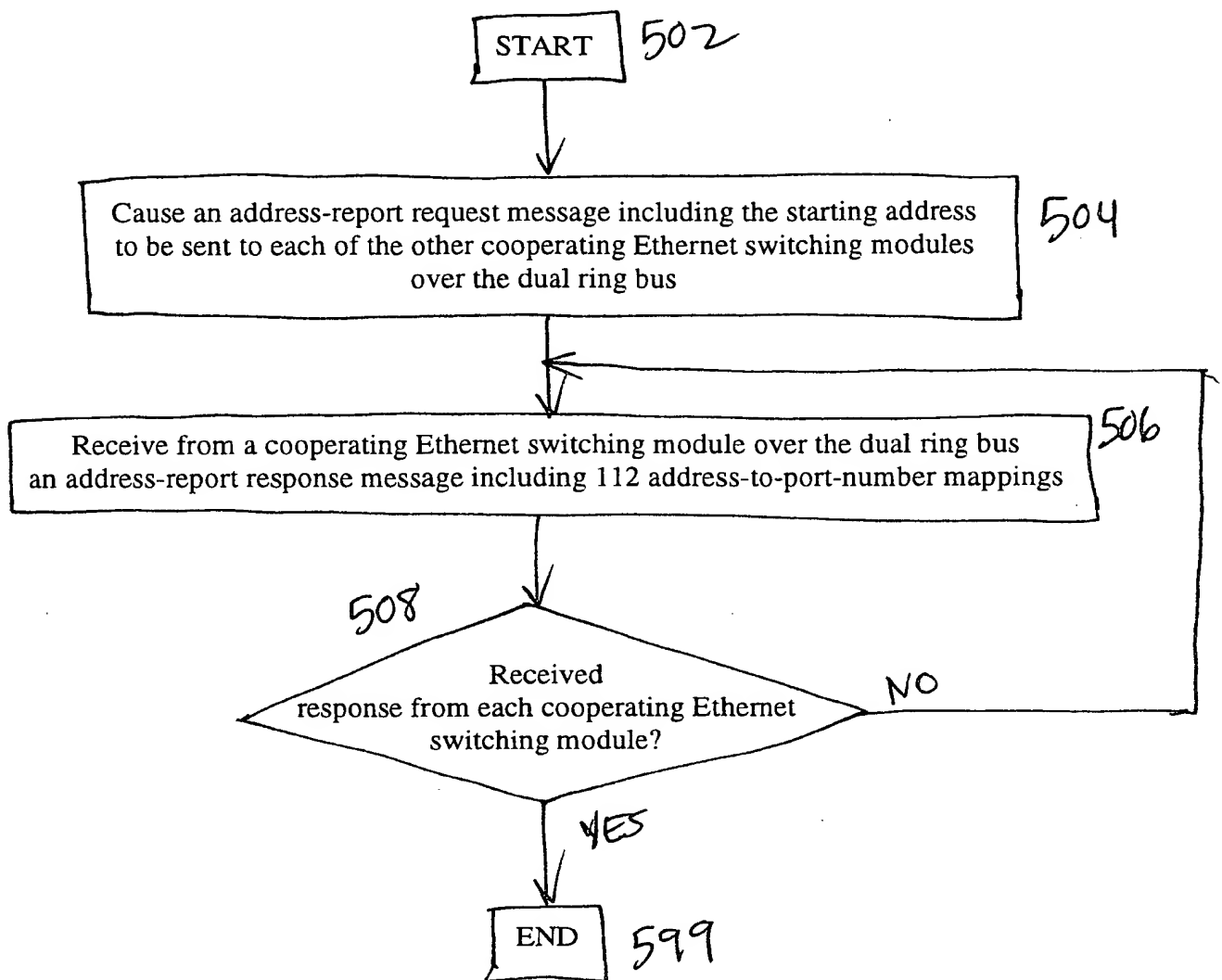


FIG. 5 308

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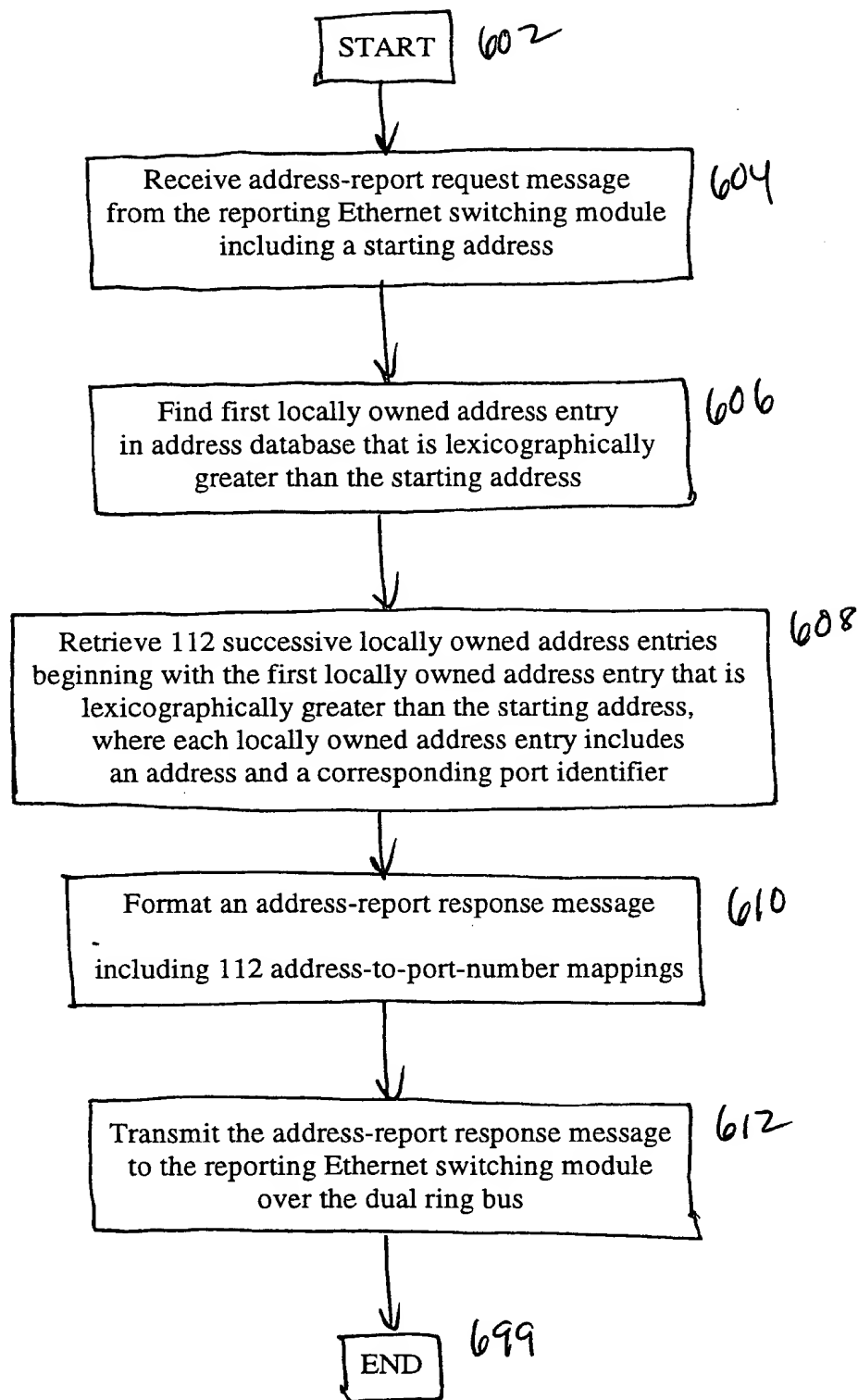


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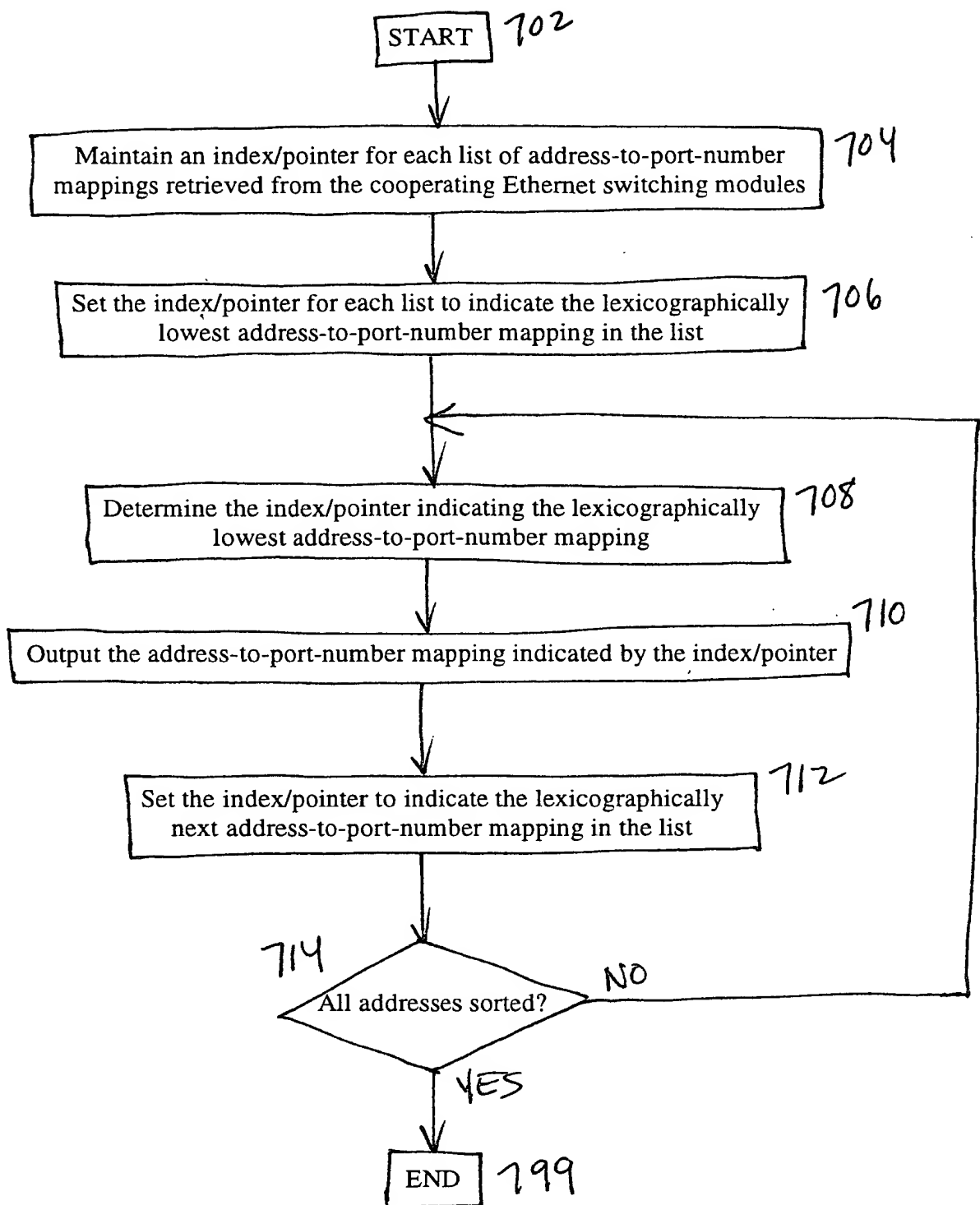


FIG. 7 206